

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a a blatant misuse of the public airways and points out the danger of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair should be obligated to give equal time to the film "Upriver" prior to the election and on a comparable time slot. It's important that we see people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.